

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6993  
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FOREST BASED INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have made any efforts to set up forest based industries in various States including Orissa, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) At present the setting up of new forest based industries is normally not feasible due to the general shortage of raw material i.e. forest produce in the country. Plantations on forest and non-forest lands are being carried out to increase the availability of raw material in future.